

Bart Vanderstraete

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Languages spoken

English | French | Dutch



About Bart

Bart Vanderstraete is the managing partner of our Brussels office, where he also leads our Corporate team in Belgium. His practice covers a broad range of Belgian and international corporate work, including M&A, private equity, real estate and general commercial matters. Bart also has extensive experience in the area of Belgian data protection law.

Bart has almost two decades of experience advising on major Belgian and cross-border transactions. He has in-depth knowledge of the ports sector and the global chemicals and materials sector, advising international chemicals manufacturers on a full range of corporate and commercial issues.

Following outstanding client feedback, Bart was named as a star lawyer in the Acritas Stars global database: Bart "brings a very good understanding to the regulatory side of Belgian transactions and he is very good at explaining the complexities of foreign laws to those of us in the UK."

Experience

- Advising HomeServe Belgium on four subsequent acquisitions HVAC businesses.
- Advising Primo Water Group on the acquisition of SipWell.
- Advising Solvay on its joint venture with ENOWA, the energy and water company of NEOM in Saudi Arabia; the JV will establish the world's first carbon-neutral soda ash production facility.
- Advising The Craftory on the sale of its participation in Edgard & Cooper to US giant General Mills.
- Advising Moyne Roberts on the acquisition of the fire extinguishers' business from the insolvent estate of Sicli.
- Advising Deltek Denmark A/S, a subsidiary of Roper Technologies Inc., on the acquisition of SBSA BV, a software company that developed a product called Archisnapper, which provides high-tech software solutions to architects and related building professionals.
- Advising the Bridgestone group on the divestment of its Firestone Building Products business to LafargeHolcim for an enterprise value of US\$3.4 billion.
- Advising investment fund The Craftory on its €22 million investment in Edgard & Coopers, a sustainable pet food brand headquartered in Belgium and active in seven European jurisdictions.

- Advising Robert McBride Limited and McBride SA on the sale of personal care liquids manufacturing businesses to Royal Sanders (UK) Ltd and Royal Sanders (Belgium) BVBA.
- Advising Animalcare Group plc on its reverse acquisition of Ecuphar NV and related placing.
- Acting for Low & Bonar on the sale of its agro-textiles business to IFG Exelto. The disposal will comprise the sale of the main assets of the agro-textiles business in both Europe and the US, including Low & Bonar's factory in Lokeren, Belgium, and its inventory.
- Advising private equity funds Sagard and Ergon Capital on the acquisition of the Corialis group and the subsequent sale of the group to funds backed by Advent.
- Advising management of the Corialis group on the reinvestment in the buy-out backed by Advent funds.
- Advising SABIC on the joint venture with Mitsubishi Rayon Corporation for the development of a US\$1 billion MMA/PMMA plant in the Middle East.
- Advising the Saudi Public Investment Fund (PIF), the investment arm of the Saudi government, on the acquisition of a 38% stake in Posco Engineering & Construction Co. Ltd. for US\$1.1 billion. This was PIF's first significant outbound investment.
- Advising SABIC on the joint venture with VOPAK to develop the new petrochemicals port in Jubail, Saudi Arabia.

Credentials

Education

- Institut d'Etudes Européennes (ULB), Masters, European Law, 1999
- University of Antwerp, M.A., 1998

Admissions

- Brussels, 1999

Recognitions

- Recommended by *IFLR* as a Leading Lawyer – Highly regarded for Corporate/M&A
- The Corporate/M&A Practice of the Brussels office is recognized by *Legal 500* as a leading Belgian practice
- Acritas accolade of "Star Lawyer" in the Acritas Stars Report
- Ranked by Leaders League for M&A (recommended) and Private Equity (highly recommended)

Expertise

Services

- Corporate
- Private Equity

Industries

- Chemicals

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lobbying and political capabilities and invaluable connections on the ground to a diverse mix of clients, from long-established leading corporations to emerging businesses, startup visionaries and sovereign nations. More than 1,500 lawyers in over 40 offices across four continents provide unrivaled access to expertise.